

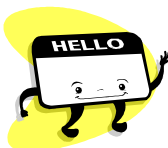


# Truman VA BULLETIN

May 30, 2008

## WELCOME

**Bradley Andresen, PhD**, Research Health Scientist (Research)  
**Marcia Beazley**, Student Nurse Technician (PS)  
**Jessica Browne**, Student Nurse Technician (PS)  
**Jessica Christen**, Student Nurse Technician (PS)  
**Michael Gerber**, Student Nurse Technician (PS)  
**Charles Gough**, Police Officer (Police)  
**Jessica Iverson**, Student Nurse Technician (PS)  
**Brittany Kammerich**, Medical Support Assistant (PS)  
**Erin Moore**, Student Nurse Technician (PS)  
**Robert Quick, RN**, Staff Nurse (PS)  
**Stephen Ross**, Physician Assistant (SC)  
**Christine Wagner**, Student Nurse Technician (PS)  
**Lisa Williams**, Student Nurse Technician (PS)  
**Brenda Woods, DO**, Staff Physiatrist (CS)  
**Justin Zimmerman**, Physical Therapy Aid (CS)



## PARKING CONGESTION OPTION

In order to relieve some of the recent and continuing employee parking congestion, Truman VA has negotiated parking spaces at the east Hearn Center parking lot for any employees wishing to volunteer to use this parking area. A shuttle service is anticipated from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m. on weekday work days. Parking decals will be issued to these employees. Any one interested should contact Facilities Management at extension 56370 for details. Your interest in helping serve our veterans is appreciated.



## FAREWELL

**Vanessa Brown, RN**, Nurse Manager (PS)  
**Katherine Burnham**, Social Work Student (PS)  
**Jennifer Ferguson**, Graduate Nurse Technician (PS)  
**Shelley Jameson**, Social Work Student (PS)  
**Andrew Young**, Lead Medical Supply Technician (PS)



## JUNE SERVICE PIN RECIPIENTS

### 35-YEARS

**Rex L. Freelon**, Medical Instrument Technician/ECG (PS)  
**Catherine M. Wine, RN**, Nurse Coordinator (PC)

### 20-YEARS

**Jeffrey A. Roberts, LCSW**, Social Worker (PS)

### 15-YEARS

**Barbara J. Baney**, Pharmacy Technician (Pharmacy)  
**Jennifer J. Bechtel, RN**, Nurse Manager (PS)  
**Barbara K. Thoma, RN**, Staff Nurse (PS)

### 10-YEARS

**Helen C. Mullen, PhD**, Research Health Scientist (Research)  
**Jan E. Neely**, Accounts Receivable Technician (FIN)

### 5-YEARS

**Christina A. Gash**, Audiologist (SC)  
**Latosha N. Kerr**, Nursing Assistant (PS)  
**Susan D. Knisely**, Office Automation Assistant (CS)  
**Michele L. Ornburn**, Pharmacy Technician (Pharmacy)  
**Muhammad A. Qureshi**, Pharmacist (Pharmacy)  
**Barbara A. Welch, RN**, Staff Nurse (PS)  
**Nathan A. Witt**, Voluntary Services Officer (VOL)

## VOLUNTARY LEAVE TRANSFER

**Nancy Burle (PS)**, **Melvin Dietz (FM)**, **Amanda Fiala (PS)** and **Brenda Johnson** have been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Contact **Lena Warren (HR)** at extension 56397 for information.

## TRUMAN VA HOSTS CNA STUDENTS

A total of 47 Certified Nursing Assistant students from the Columbia Public School program were hosted by Truman VA staff members on May 13-14. The following VA employees participated in the two-hour briefing and tour: **Bill Albert**, **Laura Albright**, **Gail Capps**, **Wayne Hogan**, **Lance Lochmann**, **Marcia Muskrat**, **Amy Pulliam** and **Peggy Wilburn**.

## RECORD DOUGLASS GRADUATION INCLUDES FIVE VA EMPLOYEES

On May 23, Frederick Douglass High School graduated a record-number 59 seniors at its ceremony held in Launer Auditorium on the campus of Columbia College. Among the 59 graduates were five Truman VA employees that have been part of the VA's "industry based" Partnership in Education program this school year. Congratulations to **Keondre Carthron, Shane Clayton, Kayla Ivey, Brandy Knehans** and **Rakeshea Robinson!** A \$500 scholarship from the Truman VA Employees Association was awarded to Keondre Carthron.

## CARDIAC REHABILITATION CHANGES

As a result of the construction renovation project for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy on the second floor, the Cardiac Rehabilitation gym will be relocating to room D-231 in the near future. In addition, new billing regulations require that Cardiac Rehabilitation patients be separated from all other patient populations and gym users during exercise. This affects the open access hours of the gym. The gym is available only to Cardiac Rehabilitation patients from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. and from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Employees may use the gym Monday through Friday (1) anytime before 8:00 a.m., (2) between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and (3) after 4:00 p.m.

## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A CAR POOL LATELY?

As the price of gasoline continues to increase and parking spaces have become more difficult to locate, we thought it was timely to remind our employees about car pools and car pool parking. Requirements for car pool parking privileges at this facility are as follows: (1) Car pool membership will be restricted to current VA employees working the same tour of duty; (2) At least two car pool occupants must ride together to and from work on a regular and recurring basis; (3) VA employees authorized car pool parking will be required to park in car pool spaces and designated car pool parking will be limited to parking lot D; (4) Car pools will be recertified annually on July 1 of each year; and (5) All car pool spaces become open parking spaces at 7:45 a.m., Monday through Friday.

It is the responsibility of the driver to notify the VA Police of changes in status of the car pool (e.g., changes in tours of duty, change of riders, etc.). Also, unauthorized vehicles parked in car pool parking areas will receive Courtesy Violation Notices. Recently, there appears to be an increase in unauthorized parking in car pool spaces. Compliance with parking rules and regulations is appreciated. Questions concerning this topic should be referred to the VA Police.

## O. I. & T. COMPUTER CORNER

The following symbols display in Wireless Office text pages: **. ? @ # \$ % \* = +**

Nothing displays if you use a symbol that is not listed above. For example,

**Hello!** displays as **Hello** or  
**Follow-up** displays as **Follow up**.

## NEW FORMS AVAILABLE ON HOSPITAL HOME PAGE

The following forms are available now on the hospital home page: (1) Commodity Standards Request Form; (2) Item Master File Request Form and (3) New Vendor Request Form.



## NOMINEE FOR EMPLOYER SUPPORT FREEDOM AWARD

**Patty Komula**, Supervisory Medical Technologist and Laboratory Manager, and Truman VA have been nominated for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, which is the highest recognition given to American employers of National Guard or Reserve members. Nominations are submitted by employees that are currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves. The 2008 recipients will be announced later this summer. Congratulations, Patty!

## VA EMPLOYEE EDUCATION NEWS

The VA Learning Online (VALO) campus will close permanently after June 12. All mandatory courses and most other courses that were available through VALO are now available through the VA Learning Management System (LMS). Some non-mandatory courses are in the process of being added to VA LMS. This consolidation of systems, which was determined to be economically prudent, simplifies training management and benefits VA employees, who should experience less confusion with fewer training systems to access. If you have any questions about the VALO closure, please e-mail the VA LMS Communications group at [VALMSCommunications@va.gov](mailto:VALMSCommunications@va.gov).

**ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM? THANK A VETERAN!**